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In the Specification:

**An Improved Type A Tape Rule Housing Structure**

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**1. Field of the invention**

The invention relates to an improved ~~type a~~ type a tape rule housing structure, and in particular, to an improved ~~type~~ type tape rule housing structure exhibiting slip-resistant and damping effects.

**2. Description of the prior art**

Conventional ~~type~~ type tape rule housing structure such as described in, for example, US 5,746,004, titled "TAPE RULE HOUSING", is characterized in that it comprised:

- (a) side walls;
- (b) a peripheral wall extending therebetween with a bottom portion, upper portion, front end portion, and rear end portion, said walls providing an internal chamber therewithin, said peripheral wall having an aperture therein communicating with said chamber at the juncture between said bottom portion and said front end portion for passage of a tape rule blade therethrough, the juncture between said side walls and said upper portion of said peripheral wall being generally convexly arcuate, said housing walls having recessed portions extending over the upper section of said rear end portion and the rearward, portion of said peripheral wall on the adjacent portion of said side walls, said housing side wall and peripheral wall being